THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Distribution of electricity falls within the purview of licensees in various States.

The Central Government is providing financial assistance to the power utilities under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for strengthening and improvement of sub-transmission and distribution (ST&D) system in their areas.

Setting up of mega thermal plant in Orissa

1434. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mega thermal plant with 2000 MW, is proposed to be set up in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this would help to generate additional power in the State?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) NTPC Ltd. proposes to take up Darlipalli Integrated Thermal Power Project with a capacity of 3200 MW (4x800 MW) in Sundargarh district of Orissa for benefits in the 12th Plan period. Site specific studies for the project are in progress and Feasibility Report is under preparation. In addition, NTPC Ltd. has also identifed Derang Thermal Power Project (2400 MW) in Angul district and Gajmara Thermal Power Project (to be developed in Joint Venture with Coal India Limited) with a capacity of 3200 MW in Dhenkanal district in the State of Orissa. Government of Orissa has been requested for in-principle availability of land/water for these two projects.

Central Electricity Authority has also identified Bedabahal, District Sundergarh as a proposed site for an Ultra Mega Power Project (4000 MW) in Orissa to be implemented through tariff based competitive bidding. In addition, Government has identified five coal blocks i.e. Ghogharpali, Dip side of Ghogarpali, Bankhui, Sakhigopal B and Alaknanda in Orissa for setting up of three mega power plants on tariff based competitive bidding. On completion, all the above projects would provide sufficient power generation capacity in the State of Orissa.

Target under RGGVY

†1435. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that the rural electrification programme under the Rajiv Gandhi Electrification Mission in many States is far behind its fixed target; and

(b) if so, the names of such States and the steps being taken to further extend the target of rural electrification in those States?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The progress of the scheme is as per the targets set during 2005-06 and 2006-07. Some states like Jharkhand, Orissa, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland & Maharashtra submitted their Detailed Project Reports

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(DPRs) very late. The progress in these States will be seen in due course. Regular meetings are being taken by Ministry of Power and Rural Electrification Corporation to sort out problems and issues in the implementation of the scheme.

Gap between demand and supply of power

†1436. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gap between supply and requirement of power in the country has been increasing continuously during the past years;

(b) if so, the gap during 2004-05 and 2007-08; and

(c) the likely gap during 2012-13?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the gap between demand and supply of power in the country has been increasing continuously during the past years. The details of year-wise power supply position in the country from 2004-05 to 2007-08 (upto October, 2007) are given as under:

Year	Energy				Peak			
	Require-ment	Availa-bility	Shortage		Demand	Met	Shortage	
	(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	%	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	%
2004-05	591,373	548,115	43,258	7.3	87,906	77,652	10,254	11.7
2005-06	631,554	578,819	52,735	8.4	93,255	81,792	11,463	12.3
2006-07	690,587	624,495	66,092	9.6	100,715	86,818	13,897	13.8
2007-08*	419,893	389,188	30,705	7.3	108,972	92,976	15,935	14.6

*upto Oct. 2007

(c) With the proposed capacity addition of 78,577 MW during the 11th Plan, the demand of power of the country is likely to be fully met by the terminal year of the 11th Plan (2011-12).

Coverage under RGGVY

†1437. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electricity is targeted to be supplied to household in around 5,80,000 villages in the country under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana;

(b) if so, the percentage of such rural families in each State in the country, to which electricity had been supplied till March, 2007;

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